

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (canceled).

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Claim 25 (canceled).

Claim 26 (canceled).

Claim 27 (canceled).

Claim 28 (original). A seating/storage add-on section for use with a shopping cart, wherein the shopping cart includes a receptacle mounted on a cart frame, and a plurality of cart wheels which includes a pair of rear wheels supporting the cart frame, the seating/storage add-on section comprising:

- a base having a front portion and a rear portion;

- a plurality of wheels supporting the base;

- a seating assembly on said base; and

- a non-rigid connector for releasably holding the rear wheels of the shopping cart,

wherein said non-rigid connector is disposed on the front portion of said base;

- a brake mechanism comprising a brake pad and a foot actuator, said brake mechanism further comprising locked and unlocked positions;

- a storage area; and

- a passenger leg room area;

said base includes a frame and platform, wherein said platform is mounted on the frame at the front portion of the base; and said storage area is located on the rear portion of the base frame;

- said seating assembly comprises a seat support, a seating portion and a handle;

- said non-rigid connector comprising first and second receptacles and receptacle adjusting means for selectively adjusting the distance between the first and second receptacles;

each of said first and second receptacles comprises side walls, a bottom wall, an interior region and an open end, said side walls extend generally upwardly from said bottom wall to define the interior region;

said receptacle adjusting means comprises first and second adjustable arms, wherein one end of said first arm is attached to said first receptacle and an opposite end of said first arm is attached to a left side of said platform; one end of said second arm is attached to said second receptacle and an opposite end of said second arm is attached to a right side of said platform such that each of said first and second receptacles are respectively disposed on left and right sides of said base;

each of said first and second adjustable arms comprises inner and outer telescoping members and a set screw to lock the inner and outer telescoping members in selective engagement;

said plurality of wheels includes a pair of rear swivelable casters attached to the rear portion of the base and a pair of front casters attached to the front portion of the base;

said platform is disposed on said frame and has an upper surface that is generally planar;

said leg room area is disposed above the platform between the seat base and the non-rigid connector;

said seat support comprises a plurality of tubular legs that extend upwardly from the rear portion of the base;

said handle is attached to said seat portion and is adapted for gripping by a user;

wherein to attach the shopping cart to the add-on section each rear wheel of the shopping cart is placed in a respective first and second receptacle with the rear end of the shopping cart being adjacent to the front portion of the base;

when attached the add-on section and shopping cart are maneuvered by the handle, wherein the frame and receptacle of the shopping cart can move independently of said add-on section; and

wherein to detach the shopping cart from the add-on section, the rear wheels of the shopping cart are removed from the respective first and second receptacles.

Claim 29 (original). The seating/storage add-on section of claim 28, wherein each of said bottom walls comprises first and second surfaces adjacent to the interior region, said first and second surfaces are generally planar and said first surface is disposed at an obtuse angle to said second surface, such that a cart wheel resting on the bottom wall contacts at least one point on said first surface and at least one point on said second surface.

Claim 30 (original). The seating/storage add-on section of claim 28, wherein each of said bottom walls is curvilinear.